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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:
Roger K. Abrams : Truong, Thanhnga
Serial No.: 09/708,397 : Group Art Unit: 2135
Filed: November 8, 2000 :
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR : IBM Corporation
PREVENTION OF BUFFER OVERFLOW : P.O. Box 12915
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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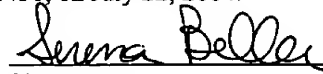
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 24, 2004 (Paper No. 7), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 24, 2004, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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